

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, April 11, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Vice-Chairman Spence called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Spence were Board members Messrs. Edwards, Quarles, Lane, and Hertzler. Mr. Klee arrived late. Staff members present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Secretary Scott.

Consent Agenda

Vice-Chairman Spence explained the consent agenda procedure to the audience stating that if an application is in full compliance with the ***Design Review Guidelines***, it is placed on the consent agenda. If no member of the Board has any question regarding the application and concurs that it is in full compliance with the *Guidelines*, the audience is asked if they are present to discuss any case on the Consent Agenda. If there is no one in the audience present to discuss any item on the Consent Agenda, those applications are approved as submitted and the applicants are then free to leave the meeting.

Applications on tonight's Consent Agenda:

- ARB #05-103 Wyndham Plantation Phase III/335 Parkway Drive – New Building Design for Condominiums**
- ARB #06-037 McGregor/1101 Jamestown Road – Exterior Change (window replacement)**
- ARB #06-039 Westgate Resorts/1324 Richmond Road – Exterior Changes (windows, doors and siding)**
- ARB #06-040 Black Angus Grille/1433 Richmond Road – New Color Scheme**
- SIGN #06-018 York Sreet Inn/505 York Street – Monument face replacement**

Neither the Board nor any member of the audience had any question or comment about the Consent Agenda cases. Mr. Spence moved that the cases on the Consent Agenda be approved. Mr. Hertzler seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Quarles, Lane, Spence, Hertzler
Nay:	None
Absent:	Klee

[Mr. Klee arrived after the vote.]

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #06-038 Patrick Henry Inn & Conference Center/255 & 315 York Street – Exterior Changes – Conceptual Review

Tom Tingle, Guernsey Tingle Architects, presented plans for exterior changes to the Patrick Henry Inn and Conference Center which are located in the AP-1 District. He said the plans call for comprehensive modifications and renovations to the three buildings and noted the challenge presented by the *Design Review Guidelines*. Mr. Tingle and the Board discussed the proposed changes in architectural lines, colors and materials. Although the Board expressed appreciation for the design improvement, the newly adopted *Guidelines* restrict the number of colors used on the body of the building and prohibit the use of the synthetic materials proposed. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Lane moved to deny the proposed changes. The motion died for lack of a second. Further discussion resulted in a suggestion from Mr. Lane to table the case and to return to the Board with alternative materials. Mr. Tingle asked if he were to return in two weeks with alternatives, if “wood or nothing” would still be the Board’s response and thereby tabling the decision tonight would only defer the inevitable decision. Several Board members assured Mr. Tingle that they generally support the design concept presented and suggested he look at molded metal, since there is some tradition behind it, and maybe a stone pre-cast material with an appropriate application method.

Mr. Tingle agreed to table the case and consider tonight’s presentation a conceptual review.

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

With the exception of the one sign proposal, all Consent Agenda cases are in the Corridor Protection District.

SIGNS

SIGN #06-019 Ripley’s Believe It or Not Museum/1735 Richmond Road –Building Mounted Sign – Approved with Conditions

Representative Jason Hill, Fine Signs and Graphics, stated Ripley's corporate office has removed monument and building-mounted signage for the theater and monument signage for the museum from review tonight and will begin again on redesigns for those signs. Remaining for review tonight is the museum building-mounted sign.

Mr. Hill said the proposed colors for the building-mounted museum sign are Deep Red lettering for "Ripley's", Vista Yellow with Deep Red trim for "Believe It or Not!", and a brushed aluminum silver cabinet with black lettering for "Museum". Zoning Administrator Murphy noted the need for specific dimensions for the sign to insure the size regulations have been met. Mr. Klee moved that the building-mounted sign for the museum be approved with the condition that staff approve the specific dimensions, which must be no larger than 32 square feet. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye:	Edwards, Quarles, Lane, Spence, Hertzler, Klee
Nay:	None
Absent:	None

OTHER

Minutes for March 28, 2006

Mr. Spence moved that the minutes for the March 28, 2006 meeting be approved as submitted. Mr. Quarles seconded the motion which carried viva voce.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mrs. Murphy said the City Council Clerk has accepted Hugh Williams' resignation from the ARB and is advertising the position. Vice-Chairman Spence stated that he has talked with Mr. Williams who says he may reapply to the Board. General consensus of the Board was to continue with Vice-Chairman Spence acting as Chairman until further notice.

Century 21 Signage

Mrs. Murphy stated that due to the Richmond Road widening, the *Century 21* sign at 1101 Richmond Road, had to be removed. Because of extenuating circumstances, the business is currently without signage and management has requested approval for a 12 square foot, non-illuminated temporary sign using white, black and gold coloring. She noted their previous sign was non-conforming, having been grand-fathered, and was 32 square feet. Their formal signage proposal will come before the Board at the next meeting on April 25. The Board gave approval for the temporary signage.

Board Observations

Mr. Edwards asked Mrs. Murphy to check into a *Parkside Williamsburg* sign he has noticed installed adjacent to the IHOP on Richmond Road; It has three or four fonts. Mrs. Murphy responded that it is on her list.

Mr. Spence asked Mrs. Murphy to check the sign for *Rose & Womble* on Jamestown Road. He said the red on the sign is an orange shade; it looks almost like "Day-Glo Orange".

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Donna Dee Scott
Secretary